

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 26, 2006 has been carefully reviewed. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are pending in this application. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 10, 15, 17 were allowed in the 1/26/06 Office Action. Claims 2-5, 7-9, 11, and 14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1, 14, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,027,744. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 2. As such, it is believed that claim 1 is now in a condition for allowance. Likewise, claim 14 is now in a condition for allowance since it is dependent on claim 1. Claims 2 and 18 have been canceled. Claims 4-9 have been amended for consistency with amended claim 1.

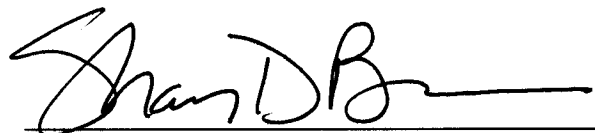
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in a condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 265280-73406.

Respectfully submitted,

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